

**CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
LONG BEACH SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**August 19, 2004**

**LOCATION:**

Long Beach Senior Center  
1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Higginson, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission to order at 9:00 a.m., and welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Vivian Linderman to the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission.

**II. FLAG SALUTE** – Commissioner Yolken, Vice-Chair

**III. ROLL CALL / WELCOME OF GUESTS**

The following Commissioners responded to roll call and confirmed a quorum.

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| Patricia Bergendahl, 6 <sup>th</sup> District - Excused | Rabbi Sidney Guthman, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District |
| Barbara J. Bolin, 9 <sup>th</sup> District              | Mary Hernandez, 7 <sup>th</sup> District       |
| Henry Brunner, 7 <sup>th</sup> District                 | Nancy Higginson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District      |
| Rose Cabanban, 7 <sup>th</sup> District                 | Vivian Linderman, 8 <sup>th</sup> District     |
| Betty Davenport, 5 <sup>th</sup> District - Excused     | Teresa Munoz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District         |
| Florence Dodge, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District - Excused      | Lu Wall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District              |
| Rita Ellner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District                   | Berry Yolken, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District         |
| Teodoro Felix, 1 <sup>st</sup> District                 |  |

**Staff**

Belem Solis, Superintendent  
Shelley Hellen, Community Services Supervisor  
Del Ransom, Clerk II  
Pam Hobson, Recreation Assistant  
Fred Towns, Senior Coordinator

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 17, 2004**

The July 15, 2004 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Minutes were approved as corrected.

Commissioner Wall corrected the minutes to read:

Commissioner Wall announced the Citywide Senior trip to Old Town, San Diego on Thursday, September 16, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. There is a **\$15.00** fee for this trip.

~~Commissioner Wall announced the Citywide Senior trip to Old Town, San Diego on Thursday, September 16, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. There is a **\$16.00** fee for this trip.~~

## **V. GUEST SPEAKER (S)**

Councilwoman Lowenthal's staff informed the Commission that she would not be able to attend due to an injury.

## **VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Public Discussion for the month of August.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Correspondence for the month of August.

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. Legislation – Commissioner Munoz**

Commissioner Munoz updated the Commission on the SB-921 Bill (Single Payer Health Care). This bill would establish a California Health Care System to be administered by the newly created California Health Care Agency, under the control of an elected Health Care Commission. (Attachment)

### **B. Transportation – Commissioners Bolin and Linderman**

The Transportation Committee had nothing to report.

### **C. Health Care – Commissioner Yolken**

Commissioner Yolken read an article from the Los Angeles Times entitled, "Senior's Getting Risky Drugs." This article reported that many older Americans are getting prescription drugs that could be particularly dangerous for them.

Commissioner Higginson read an article from the Grunion Gazette entitled, "University, Community Hospital Partner To Help Seniors." This article spoke of how California State University, Long Beach, has signed up for yet another health related education partnership, this one with Community Hospital of Long Beach. (Attachment)

### **D. Housing – Commissioners Felix, Wall and Cabanban**

Commissioner Felix attended a meeting entitled, "Save Section 8 in Long Beach." Commissioner Felix informed the Commission of the proposed changes by the Housing Authority. The proposed changes would be an increase in rent from \$25 to \$50 per month, a decrease in the voucher search from 120 days to 60 days, a restriction of Section 8 tenants from moving to units that charge more than their current rent and restrict Section 8 tenants from using their vouchers to move into other cities where rents are more expensive. (Attachment)

E. Safety and Crime Prevention – Commissioners Bergendahl, Guthman and Brunner

The Safety and Crime Prevention Committee had nothing to Report.

F. Quality of Life and Leisure – Commissioners Dodge and Hernandez

The Quality of Life and Leisure Committee had nothing to Report.

G. Community Relations – Commissioners Davenport and Ellner

Commissioner Ellner informed the Commission that Betty Little of Charter Televisions, Senior Style would like to do an interview with her to discuss Absentee Ballots for seniors and other senior issues.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Senior Directory

Commissioner Davenport turned over the Senior Directory to Commissioner Yolken to form a new Committee and proceed with the publication of the Directory.

Commissioner Cabanban will speak with representatives from Boeing and St. Mary's Hospital to see if they could print 1,000 copies of the Senior Directory.

B. Senior Briefing

The Commission voted to have a Senior Briefing entitled, "Voting Preparation" on October 7 and 14. The Commission also voted to send an invitation letter to Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, Jenny Oropeza, Assemblymember, 55<sup>th</sup> District, Jeni Galleta and Doneisha Gouse of the City Clerk's office, inviting them to attend.

Commissioner Wall will speak with James Dok of the Cambodian Center to invite seniors and a translator for Cambodian citizens who do not speak English.

Commissioner Linderman offered to speak with a representative from the Breakers Hotel to see if they would be interested in the briefing.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Standing Committees

Commission members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission signed up for one of the standing Committees: Henry Brunner; Safety and Crime Prevention, Rita Ellner; Community Relations, Vivian Linderman; Transportation, Mary Hernandez; Quality of Life and Rabbi Sidney Guthman; Safety and Crime Prevention.

B. Senior Strategic Plan – Advocacy Committee

Commissioner Yolken asked the Commission to form groups of two and speak with their Councilperson regarding the updated Senior Strategic Plan.

**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Shelley Hellen, Community Services Supervisor, reported on senior activities at the Long Beach Senior Center. (Attachment)
- B. Fred Towns, Senior Coordinator, reported on senior activities at the Silverado Senior Center.
- C. Belem Solis, Superintendent, updated the Commission on activities with the C.A.P.S. Committee.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Commissioner Yolken presented the Commission with an article from the Long Beach Press Telegram, regarding Commissioner Guthman's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (8/20/04). (Attachment)
- B. The Commission congratulated ex-Commissioner Goetz on eight years of service with the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission and presented him with a commemorative clock.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The Executive Board meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center. In attendance will be Commissioners Nancy Higginson, Berry Yolken, Lu Wall, and Rose Cabanban.

The General meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Higginson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.